

# New Scholarship Program—*ISA Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist*

In cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, the International Society of Arborists (ISA) is pleased to offer an ISA Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist (CAMS) scholarship program.

The Arborist/Municipal Specialist certification is for professional arborists who are ISA Certified Arborists in good standing and have additional experience in the specialty area of urban trees. The municipal specialists work for cities and states, parks, contractors or consultants. One of the certification objectives is to provide the public and those in government with a means to identify those professionals who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed exam and education program, that they have a thorough knowledge of establishing and maintaining trees in a community. For more information regarding the ISA Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist (CAMS) opportunity go to: <http://www.isa-arbor.com/certification/municipal.aspx>.

This grant program is targeted to communities in areas or regions where there are few existing ISA CAMS, in order to increase state and local capacity to extend and deliver urban forestry programs.

## Who is Eligible to Apply for a Scholarship?

Any ISA Certified Arborist is eligible if nominated by their State Urban Forest Coordinator and currently working for a municipality. Individuals must meet the necessary experience requirement to become a Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist in order to apply for the scholarship.

## What Does the Scholarship Cover?

- Cost of the exam
- The Municipal Specialist study guide
- Membership to either ISA and local chapter or ISA and the Society of Municipal Arborists

## Requirements Once Recipients are Certified:

The newly certified arborist/municipal specialist will work with the State Urban Forestry Coordinators to develop and complete a model project, over a two-year period, to help increase the number of communities that properly manage their trees and forests.

## How Many Scholarships are Available?

Three scholarships will likely be available in each state, with a possibility of additional opportunities becoming available.

## Application Timeline:

Increase your chances, by submitting your application **prior to May 27, 2008**. After June 1<sup>st</sup> this program will be advertised directly to the certified arborist community.

## How to Apply:

- Complete the [Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist Application](#)
- Complete the [Scholarship Application](#) for the Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist.
- If in Idaho, submit completed application to:

**Dave Stephenson**  
**Community Forestry Program Coordinator**  
**Idaho Department of Lands**  
**3780 Industrial Avenue South**  
**Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815**  
(208) 666-8621 or [dstephenson@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:dstephenson@idl.idaho.gov)